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SUBJECT: TWO PAKISTANIS ARRESTED IN KATHMANDU: ALLEGED

CONNECTION TO MUMBAI BLASTS

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Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Nicholas Dean. Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

(C) Dhak Bahadur Karki, Superintendent of Police, Nepal Police, told us on July 13 that the Nepal Police arrested two Pakistani nationals in Kathmandu in connection with the July 12 train bombings in Mumbai, India (reftel). He said that the two arrested individuals are Gulam Hussain Sima from Lahore and Aftaf Muhaddin Siddhiki (phonetic) from Karachi. Five years ago, 16.5 kilograms of RDX explosives were seized from Sima's room in Kathmandu, but he escaped at that time. Both Sima and Siddhiki arrived in Kathmandu on July 8. Karki told us that the police suspect the two of involvement with the Mumbai blasts. He said police were still in the process of questioning the suspects and did not want to release more information at this time. Post will follow up with law enforcement contacts. DEAN